

## Panama Canal Regulations

## § 61.225

(b) On arrival of an infected vessel the Chief, Occupational Health Division shall contact the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama to arrange placement under isolation of all persons disembarking.

(c) On arrival of a suspected vessel the boarding officer (admeasurer) shall contact the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama to arrange placement under surveillance or isolation of any person disembarking.

(d) The quarantine officers of the Government of Panama shall be contacted regarding isolation or surveillance of any person wishing to disembark from a vessel which within five days prior to arrival has departed from a cholera-infected area or arrives on a vessel which has departed from such an area.

(e) A person who has departed from an infected area within 5 days prior to arrival and who has symptoms indicative of cholera may be required to submit to a stool examination.

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### § 61.224 Plague; vessels.

(a) For the purpose of applying sanitary and quarantine measures against the spread of plague:

(1) An infected vessel means a vessel which has on board on arrival a case of human plague, or a plague infected rodent. A vessel shall also be regarded as infected if a case of plague develops on board in a person more than 6 days after his embarkation.

(2) A suspected vessel means (i) a vessel which, not having a case of human plague on board on arrival, has had on board such a case developed by the person within 6 days of his embarkation, or (ii) a vessel on which there is evidence of abnormal mortality of rodents on board, the cause of which is not known on arrival.

(b) An infected or suspected vessel shall be detained in quarantine as may be necessary for the effective accomplishment of the applicable sanitary measures prescribed in this subpart.

(c) On arrival of a vessel which has rodent plague on board the boarding officer (admeasurer) shall contact the port quarantine officer of the Govern-

ment of Panama to arrange deratting of the vessel. A vessel which has entered a Panamanian port in or adjacent to Panama Canal waters will not be allowed to re-enter Panama Canal waters until the following provisions have been met during such deratting:

(1) The deratting shall be carried out as soon as the holds have been emptied.

(2) One or more preliminary derattings of a vessel with the cargo in situ, or during its unloading, may be carried out to prevent the escape of infected rodents.

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### § 61.225 Plague; vessels; persons; things.

(a) Persons ill from plague shall be isolated until arrangements are made with the quarantine office of the Government of Panama for quarantine and treatment of the person.

(b) On arrival of an infected or suspected vessel the boarding officer (admeasurer) may:

(1) Require any suspect on board to be disinfected and may place him under surveillance, the period of surveillance being reckoned from the date of arrival of the vessel;

(2) Require the disinsecting and, if necessary, disinfection of the baggage of any infected person or suspect and of any other article such as used bedding or linen; and any part of the vessel which the boarding officer (admeasurer) considers to be contaminated.

(c) On the arrival of a healthy vessel which has come from a plague-infected area the boarding officer (admeasurer) may—

(1) Arrange placement under surveillance by the quarantine officer of the Government of Panama of any suspect who disembarks.

(2) Require the deratting of the vessel at the anchorage in exceptional circumstances. In such case, the master shall be informed in writing of the reasons for the action.

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